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A N C E S T O R S

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D E S C E N D A N T S

of

REV. DANIEL ELEAZER WIGHTMAN

late of

M O H A W K

N. Y.

[Westfield, N. J.]

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P R E F A C E

Having unexpectedly come into possession of data showing the ancestry of Rev. Oramel Eleazer Wightman (father of my late wife) away back nearly to the first Wightman, it seemed to me a duty I owed to the family from whom came the woman who had been such a blessing to me in many ways, to put that data into permanent form for the benefit of generations yet to come.

There are no gaps in the "line" but plenty of data, such as dates here and there, are wanting. Blank pages have been left for the filling of such gaps if the information can be obtained, and for the continuation of the record as births, marriages, deaths, etc., shall make necessary.

I have made every effort to be correct but ever so I submit my work with fear and trepidation, -- it is so easy to make mistakes.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK GATES

Westfield, N.J.
January 1, 1935.

THE ENGLISH CONNECTIONS

The head of the American branch of the Wightman family whose line we are tracing, is Edward Wightman (1562 - 1612) of Burton-on-Trent, Stafford, England. He was the son of

(a) John Wightman of Wykin and Hinckley Leicestershire, who was the son of

(b) Thomas Wightman of Burbage, and he was the son of

(c) Richard Wightman of Burbage, whose wife was daughter and heiress of Lord Trussell. Richard was a son of

(d) Thomas Wightman of Elmstrope and Burbage in Leicestershire, and he descended from

(e) George Wightman, recorded as "Gentleman" - Manor of Ansley at Elmstrope, about A.D. 1400.

This is as far back as we can trace this line at present. There is a question whether the original Wightman was a Norman who followed William the Conqueror or an emigrant who entered England by way of the Isle of Wight and, hence, was called the "Wight Man".

Tradition handed down all the line to Oramel Eleazer Wightman from his ancestors, insists on the latter origin, and Oramel passed it on to his children. It looks probable.

THE WARRANT

THE KING to the sheriff of our city of Litchfield, GREETING;

WHEREAS the reverend father in Christ, Richard, by divine providence, of Coventry and Litchfield, Bishop, hath signified unto us, That he judicially proceeding according to the exigence of ecclesiastical canons and of the laws and customs of this Kingdom of England, against one EDWARD WIGHTMAN, of the parish of Burton-upon-Trent, in the diocese of Coventry and Litchfield, of and upon the wicked heresies of Ebion, Cirinthus, Valentinian, Arrius, Macedonius, Simon, Magnus of Manes, Manichees, Thetimus, and of the Anabaptists, and other arch-heretics, and moreover of other cursed opinions belched by the instance of Satan, excogitated and heretofore unheard of; the aforesaid EDWARD WIGHTMAN appearing before the aforesaid reverend father, and other divines and learned in the law assisting him in judgment, the aforesaid wicked crimes, heresies and other detestable blasphemies and errors, stubbornly and perniciously, knowingly and maliciously, and with a hardened heart, published, defended and dispersed; by definite sentence of the said divine father with the consent of the divines learned in the law aforesaid, justly, lawfully and canonically, against the said EDWARD WIGHTMAN in that part brought, stands adjudged and pronounced a heretick, and therefore as a diseased sheep out of the flock of the Lord, lest our subjects he do infect by his contagion, he hath decreed to be cast off and cut off.

WHEREAS the holy mother church hath not further in this part what it ought more to do and prosecute, the same reverend father, the same EDWARD WIGHTMAN as a blasphemous and condemned heretick, hath left to our secular power to be punished with the condign punishment as by the letters patent of the aforesaid reverend father, the bishop of Coventry and Litchfield, in this behalf thereupon made as certified to us in our chancery.

We, therefore, as the zealot of justice and the defender of the Catholick faith, and willing that the holy church and the rights and liberties of the same, and the catholick faith to maintain and defend, and such like heresies and errors everywhere, as much as in us lies, to root out and extirpate and heretickes so convict and condemn to punish with condign punishment, holding that such a heretick in the aforesaid form convict and condemned according to the customs and laws of this our Kingdom of England in this part accustomed, ought to be burned with fire.

We command thee that thou cause the said EDWARD WIGHTMAN, being in thy custody, to be committed to fire in some public and open place below the city aforesaid, for the cause aforesaid before people; and the same EDWARD WIGHTMAN in the same fire cause really to be burned in detestation of said crime, and for the manifest example of other Christians, that they may not fall into the same crime, and this no ways omit, under the peril that shall follow thereon.

Witness &c.

JAMES I.

Copied by Percy S. Wightman,
Edinburgh, 1899.
Found in Appendix to History of
English Baptists by Thos. Crosby,
Vomb. I, Anno Dom. 1611, An. Reg.
Jac IX Book, in library of New College,
Edinburgh.

ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS

OF

REV. ORAMEL ELEAZER WIGHTMAN

Late of Mohawk, N. Y.

[illegible]

NOTE - Each person of the Wightman name here recorded is numbered in parenthesis, before the name, for identification.

ABBREVIATIONS -

b.	born
d.	died
s.	son of
dau.	daughter of
m.	married

\# - this party is in the direct line of descent to Oramel Eleazer Wightman.

FIRST GENERATION

(1) Edward Wightman of Burton-upon-Trent, Stafford, Eng.
b. about 1562. m. Sept. 2, 1593 to Frances Barbye. d. April 11, 1612.
Had the honor to be the last of the English martyrs to perish by fire. What a horrible perversion of Jesus' teachings!

SECOND GENERATION

\# (2) John Wightman s. (1) Edward
b. 1599 d. before 1669.

(3) Samuel Wightman s. (1) Edward
b..... d.....

These two and five sons of (2) John Wightman are reported to have come to Rhode Island in 1654. All were baptists or became such. Two were ministers, two deacons, one a layman.

THIRD GENERATION

(4) George Wightman s. (2) John
b. Nov. 4, 1632. d. June.....1722
m. 1663 Elizabeth Updyke who was baptised July 27, 1644 in New Amsterdam (now New York City). George W. lived in Kingston, R.I. but after marriage settled in Narragansett, R. I about 1663. She was dau. Gilbert Updyke and Katherine Smith (who was dau. Richard Smith). When the English captured New Amsterdam the Updykes fled to Wickford, R. I. where Richard Smith had a trading post.

FOURTH GENERATION

Children of (4) George and Elizabeth

(5) Elizabeth
b. Jan. 20, 1664. m. Alex Hurling.

(6) Alice
b. Dec. 2, 1666. m.....Wright.

(7) Daniel
b. Jan. 2, 1668. Pastor Baptist Church, Newport, R. I.

(8) Sarah
b. Feb. 24, 1671. m. (1) Collins
(2) Peterson.

(9) George
b. Jan. 8, 1673. m. Elizabeth. Lived in Narragansett, R. I.

(10) John
b. Apr. 16, 1674. m. Jane Bentley May 23, 1705.

(11) Samuel
b. Jan. 9, 1677. m. Sarah Briggs.

(12) Valentine
b. Apr. 16, 1681. d. June 7, 1747.
m. Feb. 10, 1705 Susannah Holmes, dau. Rev. John Holmes and Mary Sayles, dau. John Sayles and Mary Williams, dau. Roger Williams (of Providence Plantations 1636) and Mary Barnard. Mary Sayles was widow of William Greene when she married Holmes.

FIFTH GENERATION

Children of (12) Valentine and Susannah

(13) Mary b. ..... m. Rathbone

(14) Elizabeth b. ..... m. .....

(15) Daniel, b. ..... m Katherine Westcott
dau Zerobabel Westcott, s. Robert Westcott
s. 1st Stukeley Westcott of Salem, Mass. 1635.
Providence 1638, Old Warwick, R.I. 1643.

(16) Valentine

(17) Abraham

(18) Rev. Timothy, b. Nov. 20, 1719. d. Nov. 14, 1796 at Groton, Conn. m. May 13, 1747 Mary Stoddard (1725 - 1817). Succeeded his father in Groton pulpit. (Baptist).

(19) John

(20) Susannah

SIXTH GENERATION

(21) Margaret Wightman dau. (15) Daniel
m. Rufus Randall and bore father Randall.
Lived in Stonington, Conn. and Norwich, Conn.
Rufus s. Benjamin Randall.

(22) Benjamin Wightman s. (19) Abraham.
b. Aug. 3, 1756 at Colchester, Conn.
d. Aug. 1829. m. Esther Randall,
dau. his own cousin (21) Margaret. Esther
Randall bore Lydia Wightman (25).
Son (24) Eleazer Wightman.

(23)
Allyn Wightman s. (18) Rev. Timothy
b. June 27, 1748 at Groton, Conn.
(see Groton Records) m Molly.....

SEVENTH GENERATION

(24) Eleazer Wightman s. (23) Allyn
b. June 14, 1774 d.....1851
m. (25) Lydia Wightman, dau. (24) Benjamin.
She was born July 17, 1778 d. July 17, 1827.
Both buried at Trenton, N. Y.
NOTE - Eleazer married a woman who was his own 2nd cousin, the dau. (22) Benjamin, his father's cousin; and also granddaughter of his father's other cousin (21) Margaret; which relationship was not discovered until after their marriage.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Children of (24) Eleazer and (25) Lydia

(26) Emily Lucy
b. Feb. 2, 1801. m. Samuel Phillips
Dec. 10, 1829.

(27) Almenia Lydia
b. Feb. 27, 1803 m. Ezra M. Birdseye.
Aug. 19, 1827.

(28) Rev. Orumel Eleazer
b. Mar. 19, 1805 at Warren, N.Y. during a terriffic thunder storm when snow was 4 feet deep.
d. July 4, 1883. Buried at Jordanville, N. Y.
m. (1) Apr. 5, 1826 Mary VanAntwerp, she was b. Mar 4, 1809, d. Apr. 11, 1864. Buried at Jordanville, N.Y., dau. Lewis and Winchell Van Antwerp.
m. (2) 1867 (?) Mrs. Olcutt (?) who died in 1951 (?) (see following page)

(29) Elias Osmo b. Dec. 19, 1806. d.....
m. Jan. 5, 1829 Samantha Bigourney
moved to Ohio.

(30) Benjamin Apollus b. Jan. 10, 1810. d.....

(31) Rev. Abel Spicer
b. July 17, 1812 at Warren, N. Y.
d. Mar. 28, 1890 at Geddes, N. Y.
m. Nov. 10, 1834 Sophronia Stephens of Wilna, Jefferson Co., N. Y. He was a prominent minister of the M.E. Church and later the Wesleyan Church for many years.

(32) Rev. Allen Orlando
b. Nov. 23, 1814. d.
m. Mary Utley of Boonville, N. Y. She was b. June 2, 1819 at Boonville and d. Feb. 14, 1924 at Chautauqua, N. Y. aged 104 years, 8 months, 12 days.

(33) Eunice Clarissa
b. Nov. 8, 1817 d.
m. Woolcott. Lived and died in Trenton, N. Y.

(34) Rev. Samuel Phillips
b. Aug. 11, 1820. d.

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(28) REV. ORAMEL ELEAZER WIGHTMAN

(OBITUARY)

Father Wightman's parents evidently moved to Trenton, N.Y. some time after 1812 and this was his home until a year or so after his marriage when he moved to Hammond, N. Y.

This is supposed to have been the home of the parents of Mary VanAntwerp, the young woman whom he married and who became his most loyal and devoted helpmate for thirty-eight years until her death in 1864.

Not long after his marriage he was converted at a revival meeting held by Rev. A. J. Phelps at Sigourney School House near Hammond. His conversion was clear and thorough and he became a "new creature" indeed and never after longed for the "flesh pots" of Egypt.

He was early licensed to exhort, and then to preach, and in 1854 at Portland, N.Y. was ordained a local deacon of the M.E. church by Bishop Janes. He was true to his convictions and uncompromisingly devoted to the Master - a great worker in revivals and many were those won to Christ by his labors.

Sometime after 1846 he removed to Jordanville, N.Y. and during his residence there changed his business and kept country store for several years.

During the exciting days of the slavery discussion and the civil war, his home was the gathering place and

OBITUARY (continued)

public forum where the Wide Awakes (Rep.) and Little Giants (Dem.) argued and sometimes almost fought. He was the postmaster and during the war at mail time every day a crowd gathered to hear some one read from the paper the news from the front.

About the close of the war he sold his business to his son Roldan and for a few years was a harness maker; but about 1867 he remarried, removed to Mohawk, N. Y. and after his second wife passed away, lived with his son Olin until the end.

I confess with deepest regret my inability to get any clue whatever to data concerning his second wife.

Strong in his own convictions he was kind and tolerant to those with whom he could not agree. He had the respect of the whole community.

"Only a carpenter or a country merchant - just one of a thousand or ten thousand others"- O yes - true. But, too, one who dealt justly and kindly with his fellows and humbly, faithfully and reverently with his God - whose memory yields no sad regrets, no rank odors but a persistent, permanent, fragrant perfume.

NINTH GENERATION

Children of (28) Oramel Eleazer and Mary

(35) Elias LaFayette
b. May 8, 1827 at Trenton, N.Y.
d. Sept. 17, 1855 at Jordanville, N.Y.
He was a portrait painter.

(36) Roldan Daniel
b. Dec. 8, 1831. d July 25, 1919.
m. (1) Melvina Warner
(2) Helen Warren, who died July 21, 1919.
Roldan and Helen were buried the same day in the same grave at Mohawk, N.Y. He was a carpenter, then merchant at Jordanville and later at Mohawk, N.Y.

NINTH GENERATION (continued)

(37) Cyrus Oramel
b. March 16, 1836. d. Aug. 22, 1837.

(38) Rev. Olin Cyrus
b. Jan. 17, 1840. d. Feb. 10, 1920.
m. (1) Sept. 29, 1864, Hattie R. Hyde of Jordanville, N. Y. dau. James Hyde. and Elizabeth French. She was b. Aug. 13, 1842, d. June 7, 1868.
(2) Oct. 6, 1872 Anna M. McCannon, (dau. George McCannon and Myra Dedic)
b. July 7, 1850, d. Jan. 2, 1923 at Mohawk.
Olin was a carpenter, then minister of the M.E. church - retired - and died at Mohawk.

(39) Mary Amanda
b. Jan. 27, 1844. d. Dec..... 1929.
m. Walter Goodrich Harter of Jordanville, N. Y. a teacher, then an insurance agent at Utica. Died and was buried at Utica.

(40) Emily Elizabeth
b. July 11, 1846 at Hammond, N.Y.
d. July 31, 1932 at Westfield. N.J. buried at Frankfort, N.Y.
m. May 29, 1866 Frederick Gates, s. William Gates and Mary Ann Deuel of Frankfort, N.Y.
(See "Ancestors and Descendants of William Gates" in Frankfort Public Library).

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(41) Bradley Wightman s. (29) Elias.
b..... d.....
m. Josephine Wightman, his cousin. dau. (31) Abel and Sophronia. Divorced.
Bradley moved to Ohio.

(42) Minnie Wightman dau. (31) Abel Spicer
b.....1841 d. 1865 at Geddes, N.Y.

(43) Josephine Wightman sister of Minnie
see Bradley (41) above.

(44) May E. Wightman dau. (32) Allen and Mary Utley
b. May 6, 1848. d. Dec. 30, 1927, at Chautauqua, N Y A teacher.

NINTH GENERATION (continued)

(45) Ella Wightman dau. (32) Allen and Mary Utley
b. . . . . d. . . . . .
m. Bradford Van Vleet Putnam. Both Dead.
Her daughter, Elaine Putnam married Ralph Atwater about 1917 at New Hartford, N.Y.
2 children; Lucille Wightman Atwater
Dorothy Louise Atwater
Her son, Donald, lives in Syracuse

TENTH GENERATION

Children of (36) Roldan and Helen

(46) Renfrew A.
b. About 1882. d. in infancy Mohawk, N.Y.

(47) Richard
b. March 25, 1867 at Mohawk, N.Y.
m. (1) Cora Belle Judd, Feb. 8, 1885. d. .1864, dau. John Emery Judd and Maria Peck. (divorced 1913).
(2) Oct. 14, 1913, Patricia Margaret Street, b. Dec. 4, 1879, dau Peter Paul Elliott and Mary Ellen Elliott, cousins. She was once the wife of Kenneth Leslie Street. They were divorced.
Children of (38) Olin and Hattie.

(48) Gliddon Grant
b. Aug. 12, 1865 d. Oct. 9, 1865.

(49) Vincent Olin
b. Sept. 1, 1867. d. May 17, 1896.
m. Nov. 28, 1888 Janet Cunningham of Mohawk.
dau. Thomas Cunningham and Celeste Chase.
d. Aug. 17, 1870.

(50) Florence Mabel
b. Feb. 16, 1874 at, Mohawk, N. Y.
m. Oct. 16, 1901 Edward Milton Allis of Springfield, Mass. b. Dec. 9, 1870; s. Dan. Wait Allis (b. 1827) & Saran Jane (Jennie) Hu: b Nov 22, 1834. Daniel was s. Newton Allis and Mary Wait whose mother was a Hastings -- ancestors from England in 1631.

TENTH GENERATION (continued)

(51) Blanche Irma,
b. May 14, 1875. d. Aug. 6, 1902, Denmark.

(52) Harry Van Antwerp
b. June 1, 1880 at Mohawk, N. Y.
m. June 2, 1913 Caridad Clotilde Espinosa of Habana, Cuba (b. May 6, 1894, d. June 5, 1914).

Children of (39) Mary Amanda and W.G. Harter.

Wellington Olean Harter
b. 1863 m. Anna Belle Welch, dau. Wm. A. Welch and Anna S. Foster. 2 children -
Irma Diana, b. 1892
Kenneth Olean, b. 1896 m. Lillian Mascis who bore Kenneth Jr. b. 1922 & died young.

Pearl Wightman Harter
b. 1865 d. Aug. 23, 1922.
m. Margaret E. Collier of Utica, N. Y.

Frederick Gates Harter
b. 1867. d. Jan 2, 1929.
m. Alice Stevens, 1 child, Hiram Vincent Harter, died Dec. 5, 1904, age 6 yrs.

Jay Wendell Harter
b. 1868 m. Margaret Farquhar, who bore
Walter James Harter, b. 1897m m. Margaret Sellars
Ruth Wightman Harter, b. 1898 m. Frank Andes.
Howard Farquhar Harter b. 1901 m. Ida Manchester.
Ralph VanDyke Harter, b. 1902.
Richard Jay Harter, b. 1906. m. Dorothy Lewis.
Mary Elizabeth Harter, b. 1909 m. Phillips Wiswall

Mabel Bertrude Harter.
b. 1876 m. Henry G. Hatfield.
1 child, Henry Harter Hatfield, b. Dec. 18, 1903.

Frank Elliott Harter, b. Jan 29, 1878, d. July 15, 1878.
Howard Henry Harter, b. June 11, 1882, d. Jan 7, 1883.
Walter Glenn Harter, b. 1884, d. Aug. 29, 1911.
m. Mildred Thurston, 2 children.
Lawrence, b. July 1, 1909,
Margaret, b. Nov. 1909.
both married. no children.

TENTH GENERATION (continued)

Children of (40) Emily E and Frederick Gates.

Renfrew Wightman Gates
b. Nov. 7, 1868
M. Oct. 2, 1889 Marion Wilson Taylor.
5 children
Harlow Taylor Gates b. Apr. 8, 1891
Frederick Gates b. Oct. 3, 1892
Margaret Corinne Gates b. Dec. 1, 1899
d. Apr. 17, 1927.
John Renfrew Gates) twins
Jean Marion Gates)
b May 19, 1911.

Frederick William Gates
b. Aug. 9, 1872
m. Dec. 24, 1891, Jennie Belle Lindsay
3 children
William Gates, b. Sept. 22, 1893
Wendell Lawrence Gates b. Oct. 31, 1898.
d. Mar. 14, 1931.
Helen Gates, b. June 27, 1900

George Winfield Gates
b. July 1, 1876.
m. Apr. 23, 1902 Nell Eugenie Newcomb.
2 children
Grace Ione Coombs Gates b. Sept. 19, 1905.
George Marshall Newcomb Gates b. Aug. 30, 1908.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

Children of Richard (47) and Cora

(53) Anita Ruth
b. Dec. 2, 1883. m. Apr. 29, 1903 LeRoy Newton Mills who was b. Apr. 17, 1882, s. Judge Isaac Newton Mills and Cara Burnett.
2 children
Millicent Mills, b. Jan. 23, 1905
d. Aug. 14, 1916
Helen Alden Mills b. Oct. 5, 1906

(54) Helen Marie
b. Mar. 4, 1891 m. Jan. 2, 1914 Dr. Frank Everette Spencer s. Daniel Austin Spencer and Jane Stinson No children.

Children of (49) Vincent and Janet.

(55) Lois Hyde
b. Nov. 24, 1889 d. Feb. 22, 1929.
m. Sept. 29, 1911 Charles Albert Mourhess of Auburn, N. Y. 2 children.
Mary Janet Mourhess b. Sept. 30, 1912.
Charles Wightman Mourhess b. Jan. 18, 1915.

(56) Hon. David Chase
b. Jan. 1, 1892. m. June 21, 1916 Ruth Fulmer of Utica, N. Y. She was b. June 28, 1894. dau. Wm. H. Fulmer and Caroline Oxel. He was member of N. Y. State Assembly 1933-1934-1935.

Children of (52) Harry and Caridad

(57) Carmen
b. May 31, 1914 in Cuba.

TWELFTH GENERATION

Children of (56) David Chase and Ruth

(58) Robert Vincent, b. Apr. 25, 1917
(59) Carol Jane, b. Feb. 6, 1922. d. Oct. 9, 1929.
(60) Lois Elinor, b. Apr. 27, 1929.
All of Mohawk, N. Y.

SOLE SURVIVING MALE DESCENDANTS

of

REV. ORANEL ELEAZER WIGHTMAN

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January 1st, 1955.

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(47) Richard Wightman s. (36) Roldan and Helen
b. Mar. 25, 1867.
Address, Saybrook, Conn.

(52) Harry VanAntwerp Wightman s.(38) Olin & Anna
b. June 1, 1880.
Address, Cia. Cluett Peabody de Cuba S.A.
San Antonio de los Bastios,
Habana, Cuba.

(56) Hon. David Chase Wightman, s. (49) Vincent & Janet
b. Jan. 1, 1892.
Address, Mohawk, N. Y.

(58) Robert Vincent Wightman, s. (56) David & Ruth
b. Apr. 25, 1917.
Address Mohawk, N. Y.

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